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1.

[REDACTED] the Socialist Party of Austria is at present directed in an authoritative way by three persons. They are: Dr. Adolf SCHAIER, Vice-Chancellor and Party Functionary, Oskar HELMER, Minister of the Interior, and Dr. Bruno PITTMANN, member of parliament and chief of the socialist fraction in parliament. SCHAIER is the strongest personality of the three.

2. As urgent questions are very often decided by these three men without advice from the Party Committee, the latter lost importance. The most important tools these men use are the party secretaries who are working in a full-time capacity and are directly assigned to them. Through them they are able to force smoothly their instructions upon all party offices down to district secretariats.

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